



ANSON Answers

Why is the development named Anson?

The Anson development is named in honor of Boone County native son Anson Mills. Born in 1834, Mills was raised in nearby Thorntown where his love of the land was seeded and took root.

An accomplished surveyor, builder and civil engineer, Mills also served as a Union Army officer, inventor, diplomat and author. A true renaissance American, Mills not only laid out the plan for El Paso, Texas—he also named the city.

An environmentalist, long before that label was worn as a badge of honor, Mills personally planned and funded a clean water system for the city of Thorntown. The Anson community honors his work in this area with an innovative water movement system that channels storm water through wetlands and vegetated swales rather than sewers.

In tribute to Anson Mill's neighbors, contemporaries and supporters, the community streets and landmarks are named for area pioneers and former landowners.



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